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CC: Brian Gonda [production@publicmedianet.org]; Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov];
cokcitymanager@kalamazoocity.org
Subject: Interview Request re: Allied Landfill Superfund Site (Kalamazoo, MI)

Greetings,

I've added Francisco Arcaute to this email. He's sent me a list of questions in relation to this interview request. I thought you would all find the answers helpful, so I've adapted them slightly below. Our hope is to do this as a studio roundtable interview. Unfortunately, our schedule is filling quickly for next week. Can we schedule this for Wednesday morning, March 25th? Our preferred time would be 11:00 a.m. (Eastern time), but I'm holding the entire morning open in case an earlier time works better. If we need to move to another date and time, let me know and I'll check to see if we have an opening.

We also have the possibility of doing individual interviews on site in Kalamazoo County (at your office or near the Allied site) if we're not able to arrive at a date and time that works for everyone.

As I've specified below, our purpose for requesting this interview is to provide information to people in Kalamazoo County about the proposed compromise plan and the upcoming information/public comment meetings.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best Wishes,

Karen Woodworth

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Who do you wish to interview?

From the EPA: Michael Berkhoff, EPA Remedial Project Manager for the Allied Landfill or a designated representative

From the Michigan DEQ: Paul Bucholtz, Senior Project Manager, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality or a designated representative

From the City of Kalamazoo: Designated representative from City Manager's office

Main questions for EPA:

Please explain the new compromise plan for Kalamazoo's Allied Paper Superfund Site and how it accomplishes the EPA's remediation goals.

Tell us about the public comment process that will begin in late April.

Main questions for MDEQ:

The DEQ has been monitoring this site for many years. Can you briefly sum up the problems being monitored at the site and the trends that have been recorded?

People have expressed a lot of concerns about capping the site. What details of this compromise plan address those concerns?

Main questions for Kalamazoo City Representative:

What feedback have you heard from residents on possible future uses for the site?

How does the compromise plan make those options feasible?

Interviewer?

Karen Woodworth, anchor/reporter for *Connect*, a 30-minute monthly television show on the Public Media Network.

Format?

5–7 minute roundtable studio interview.

Any other guests on the show?

As noted above.

Where will the interview take place?

At the Public Media Network Government Production Services Unit studio, 8107 Mustang Drive, Portage, Michigan. From US-131, take the Centre Street exit and head south. Mustang Drive is the first light after the intersection of Centre and S. Westnedge. Mustang Drive is also the entrance to Portage Central High School. Our studio is located in the south end of the building that also houses the Portage Public Schools Administration offices. Please look for our white and blue Public Media Network sign. We have reserved parking right in front of our door.

When will the piece air?

During the month of April, 2015. It will also be available online for at least a year.

Best way to contact?

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Anything else you'd care to share?

The purpose of this roundtable interview would be to give members of the public more information on the compromise plan and encourage them to attend public comment sessions.

On Fri, Mar 20, 2015 at 11:55 AM, Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) <BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov> wrote:

Brian,

We here at MDEQ are definitely available to conduct an interview with your team. I will be working closely with the City of Kalamazoo and EPA to coordinate schedules. I understand an EPA representative has already been in touch with you. In the meantime, let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide you with any information.

Paul

Paul Bucholtz

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From: Brian Gonda [mailto:production@publicmedianet.org]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 5:17 PM
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Cc: Karen Woodworth
Subject: Allied Landfill April Meetings

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to the three of you to try and coordinate an interview in our studio on the upcoming public meetings in April regarding the latest compromise proposal by the EPA for the Allied Superfund site. If it's not feasible to get the three of you in our studios in a timely manner then we can certainly conduct brief, individual interviews at your respective offices.

I am the Executive Producer of the Public Media Networks monthly magazine show, *Connect*. I have Cced our reporter/host of *Connect*, Karen Woodworth on this email as she will be the one following up on this so that we can have a story on the April public meeting(s?) in our April show to help raise awareness of the meetings and of the details of this latest plans.

We look forward to hearing from you and getting your information out to our viewers throughout Kalamazoo County.

Sincerely,

Brian Gonda

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